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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KAUNDA ADDRESSES ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENT

LUSAKA, JANUARY 1 -- ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA TODAY, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENT, DECLARED THAT INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE REMAINS "THE ONLY CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE MEANS" BY WHICH SOUTHERN AFRICA CAN BE LIBERATED.

THE ZAMBIAN LEADER, IN A 30-MINUTE ADDRESS ALSO TERMED THE SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION AS "POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS". HE SAID IT WAS MADE EVEN MORE "CONFUSED" BY THE "NUMBER OF INITIATIVES" TO SOLVE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEMS.
(HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE, THE WESTERN FIVE "CONTACT GROUP" AND RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH'S "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" PLAN AS AMONG THESE.

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTED HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S SPEECH TO THE HOUSE SESSION WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY
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FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, CIVIC AND OTHER ZAMBIAN LEADERS:

(BEGIN EXCERPTS)
"FIRST, OUR DEMOCRACY WILL BE PUT TO SEVERE TRIAL AGAIN THIS YEAR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE PARTY AND THE REPUBLIC, WE WILL BE HOLDING THE UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THE

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GENERAL AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THESE ARE EPOCH-MAKING EVENTS. THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT CORNEERSTONE OF OUR DEMOCRACY. THEY GIVE CONCRETE TESTIMONY TO THE RIGHT OF THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE TO ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. THAT WE SUCCEED TO HOLD THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS IN PEACE AND FREEDOM IS THE PRIDE OF THE ENTIRE NATION."

"SECOND, WE NEED PEACE AND UNITY IN DEFENCCE OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND WELL-BEING. WE HAVE ENEMIES IN THE RACIST REGIMES IN REBEL RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. THE YEAR 1978 IS A YEAR OF GREAT HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AND INDEPENDENCE. IT IS A DECISIVE TURNING POINT. THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA KNOW THAT NEITHER SMITH NOR VORSTER WANTS TO HAND OVER POWER TO THE MAJORITY IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. VORSTER WILL NOT WILLINGLY ABADON APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. RACIST REGIMES ARE BEING FORCED TO TALK THE LANGUAGE OF MAJORITY RULE BY MILITANT FIGHTING CADRES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN ZIMBABWE AND SWAPO IN NAMIBIA. FURHTER, THEY ARE BEING WEKENED BY THE MOUNTING PRESSURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NOW STRENGTHENING ITS POLITICO-DIPLOMATIC, MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE OF LIBERATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. FROM OUR EXPERIENCE, NEITHER SMITH NOR VORSTER CAN BE AN ALLY IN THE LIBERATION OF THE OPPRESSED. THE MANOEUVERS FOR THE SO-
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CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT ARE TACTICS TO DIVIDE THE NATIONALISTS AND THE MASSES. THE CURRENT EFFORTS BY VORSTER AND SMITH IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE MUST BE READ AS PART OF THE SAME STRATEGY TO INSTAL PUPPETS WHO WILL DEPEND ON RACIST FORCES FOR THEIR EXISTENCE. BUT IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL NOT BRING PEACE TO ZIMBABWE. SIMILARLY, IN NAMIBIA ANY ATTEMPT TO BY-PASS SWAPO CAN ONLY LEAD TO DISASTER. BU WE KNOW THAT THE PRETORIA REGIME IS DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INSTAL PUPPETS IN WINDHOEK IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CONSEQUENCES."

"THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS. AFRICA AND THE OPPRESSED MASSES MUST RECOGNIZE THAT AS THE LIBERAION STRUGGLE ENTERS THE DECISIVE PHASE, THE ENEMY WILL RESORT TO MORE AND MORE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS OF DIVIDING THE NATIONALISTS, CONFUSING THE MASSES AND SETTING BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER. ALREADY, IT IS CLAIMED THAT 60 PER CENT OR MORE OF THE RHODESIAN REBEL FORCES ARE BLACK, FIGHTING FOR THE WHITE RACIST REGIME. THIS IS BEING TURNED INTO A WAR OF BLACK AGAINST BLACK

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WHILE THE MASTER SITS BACK. THE SITUATION IS EVEN MORE
CONFUSED BY THE NUMBER OF INITIATIVES, NAMELY, THE
ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE, SMITH'S INTERNAL MANOEUVERS,
AND THE LIBERATION WAR. A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES ARE ALSO
TAKING PLACE CONCURRENTLY TO SOLVE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM.
THE GROUP OF FIVE CONSIDERING OF BRITISH, CANADA, FRANCE,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES LAST
YEAR LAUNCHED A PROGRAMME OF ACTION TO RESSOLVE THE NAMIBIAN
PROBLEM. VORSTER IN AN ACT OF DOUBLE-DEALING DIPLOMACY
IS TALKING TO THE GROUP OF FIVE WHILE MAINTANING HIS
DETERMINATION TO INSTAL THE PUPPETS IN WINDHOEK. SWAPO
HAS RGHTLY RESPONDED BY INTEIFYING THEIR ARMED STRUGGLE
FOR LIBERATION AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

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"AFRICA AND THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MUST
NOT BE CONFUSED BY THE SPECTRUM OF IMPERIALIST TACTICS
ADOPTED BY THE ENEMY. AFRICA AND THE OPPRESSED MASSES
MUST BE VERY CLEAR ON THEIR PATH TO LIBERATION AND THE
TACTICS TO DEAL WITH THE ENEMY. INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE
REMAINS THE ONLY CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE MEANS BY WHICH
SOUTHERN AFRICA CAN BE LIBERATED. UNLESS THE PEOPLE OF
ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA ACT IN UNITY IN THE LIBERATION
STRUGGLE, 1978 WILL PASS BY WITHOUT INDEPENDENCE BEING
ACHIEVED. THE CURRENT MANOEUVRES IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA
ARE THE RESULT, NOT OF LOVE OR THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN
DIGNITY, NOR IN BELIEF IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY
BUT OF THE MOUNTING ARMED FORCES BEING EXERTED BY FREEDOM
FIGHTERS ON RACIST FORCES. WE, THEREFORE, WARN THAT WHILE
INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA IS WITHIN OUR GRASP,
IT CAN BE LOST DUE TO THE DISUNITY AND SELFISHNESS AMONG
THOSE WHON AFRICA HAS A DUTY TO ASSIST. IF ARMED
STRUGGLE CEASES IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA, NEGOTIATIONS WILL
FAIL AS OTHERS HAVE FAILED BEFORE.

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"ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS HER FULLEST AND IRREVOCABLE SUPPORT FOR
THE INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA UNTIL
VICTORY IS WON. I REAFFIRM OUR IRREVOCABLE SUPPORT FOR
THE STRUGGLING MASSES IN SOUTH AFRCA. LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS CAN COUNT ON ZAMBIA TO CONTINUE HER SUPPORT FOR
THEIR JUST CAUSE. 1978 COULD BE THE DARKEST PHASE IN THE
INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE. ZIMBABWEANS LIKE
NAMIBIANS DO NOT WANT TO WIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN THE
1980S. VICTORY MUST BE WON THIS YEAR. ZAMBIANS MUST BE
READY TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS VICTORY.

"I CALL UPON THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA TO BE READY TO DEFEND
EVERY CENTIMETRE OF ZAMBIA IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK BY
THE ENMY FROM WHATEVER QUARTER. LAST YEAR REBEL
RHODESIAN FORCES COMMITED MANY ACTS OF AGRRESSION BUT WERE
VIGOROUSLY REPELLED BY THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL DEFENCE
FORCE. I COMMEND OUR SECURITY FORCES FOR THEIR COURAGE
AND VIGILANCE. MILITARILY WE ARE GETTING STRONGER. WE
HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE FUTURE. ANY ENEMY WHO ENTERS
OUR TERRITORY DOES SO AT HIS PERIL. I HAVE WARNED
BEFORE AND REPEAT NOW: IF THE ENEMY SHOULD ENTER ZAMBIA
FOR WHATEVER CAUSE, THE ZAMBIAN SECURITY FORCES WILL HIT
BACK VERY HARD AT POIT OF OUR CHOICE.

ON ITERNAL ISSUES, HE SAID:
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" I ALSO WARN THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEAL, COMPLETELY
WITHOUT MECRY, WITH ANY SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WITHIN ZAMBIA
WHO WANT TO DESTROY THE PEACE AND UNITY THE NATION ENJOYS.

"THE THIRD CHALLENGE IS ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT.
"A PROSPEROUS LIFE WITHOUT TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON COPPER
IS POSSIBLE IN ZAMBIA. OUR STATISTICS ALSO DEMOSTRATE
THAT WHERE THE NATION HAS CONCETRATED IN THE FIELD OF
PRODUCTION, WE HAVE SCORED RESOUNDING SUCCESSES.

"LET ME, THEREFORE, TURN TO AGRICULTURE, A VERY CRUCIAL
SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMIC. IT IS THE KEY TO THE NATION'S
GROWTH IN ECONOMIC POWER. INDEED, NO ECONOMIC CAN REST

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ON AN EVEN KEEL IF IT HAS A SLUGGISH AND INEFFICIENT
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. OUR MAJOR THRUST MUST BE ON MAKINF
THE RURAL COUNTRYSIDE FULLY PRODUCTIVE.

"THE AGRARIAN REVOLUTION CAN BE DECELERATED BECAUSE OF
INADEQUATE OR INEFFICIENT MARKETING ARRAGEMENTS.

"ONE OF THE OBSTACLES TO ACCELERATED AGRICULTUREAL DEVELOP-
MENT IS INADEQUACY OF MARKETS. WHERE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
ARE CONCERNED, THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IN ZAMBIA IS TEO-FOLD
- (A) WE HAVE A SMALL POPULATION; (B) THE LOW PURCHASING
POWER OF THE LARGER SECTION OF OUR POPULATION.

"ZAMBIA IS PART OF THE COMPETITIVE WORLD AND IT IS
ABSOLUTELY VITAL THAT WE KEEP A CLOSE ON OUR PRODUCTION
COSTS. WE NEED TO PRODUCE ABUDANT FOOD AT REASONABLE
COST TO THE ZAMBIAN CONSUMER SINCE THE BASIC OBJECTIVE
OF AGRICULTURE IS TO RAISE SUTAINABLE NUTRITION
STADNARDS OF ALL OUR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE
AGE GROUPS. IT IS ALSO IMPERATIVE THAT WE PRODUCE
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CHEAPLY ENOUGH TO COMPETE IN THE WORLD MARKETS.
ADMITTEDLY, OUR PRODUCTION COSTS ARE LIKELY TO BE HIGHER
THAN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MORE GEOGRAPHICALLY AND
FAVOURABLY PLACED. WE CAN, HOWEVER, COMPETE QUITE
FAVOURABLY BY RAISING THE LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY AND REDUCING
SOME OF THE UNNECESSARY COSTS."
(END EXCERPTS).
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